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Happy Veterans Week!

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2021 VETERANS WEEK

NOVEMBER 6TH-12TH



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT ANY EVENTS PLEASE VISIT
UMAINE.EDU/VETERANS

SATURDAY 11/6	UMAINE FOOTBALL VS STONY BROOK - 12:00PM - JOIN US FOR THE FINAL HOME GAME OF THE SEASON! STOP BY THE VETERANS CENTER DURING THE WEEK FOR TICKETS FOR STUDENT VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES! (50 TICKETS AVAILABLE)
MONDAY 11/8	<p>FLAG CEREMONY - 11:00 AM - A FLAG RAISING CEREMONY WILL BE HELD ON THE MALL IN FRONT OF FOGLER LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE UMAINE VETERANS. THE US FLAG AND POW/MIA FLAG WILL BE RAISED IN HONOR OF THE VETERAN COMMUNITY.</p> <p>THE STUDENT VETERAN EXPERIENCE STUDENT PANEL - COE ROOM - 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM - THIS PANEL IS FOR FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS WHO WISH TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE STUDENT VETERAN EXPERIENCE. OUR GOALS ARE TO EDUCATE MEMBERS OF THE UMAINE COMMUNITY TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE ISSUES AND CONCERNS FACED BY STUDENT VETERANS AND TO IDENTIFY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THIS POPULATION.</p>
TUESDAY 11/9	COFFEE AND DONUTS IN THE VETERANS CENTER - 9:00AM - STOP BY THE VETERANS CENTER FOR SOME COFFEE AND DONUTS TO START YOUR DAY!
WEDNESDAY 11/10	LUNCH ON US - 11:00 AM - LUNCH VOUCHERS AVAILABLE TO STUDENT VETERANS ON CAMPUS. VOUCHER IS GOOD FOR SINGLE USE THIS WEEK. (LIMIT 100)
THURSDAY 11/11	VETERANS DAY RECOGNIZED - NO CLASSES - VETERANS DAY (ORIGINALLY KNOWN AS ARMISTICE DAY) IS A FEDERAL HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED STATES OBSERVED ANNUALLY ON NOVEMBER 11, FOR HONORING MILITARY VETERANS, THAT IS, PERSONS WHO HAVE SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES. IT COINCIDES WITH OTHER HOLIDAYS INCLUDING ARMISTICE DAY AND REMEMBRANCE DAY WHICH ARE CELEBRATED IN OTHER COUNTRIES THAT MARK THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF WORLD WAR I.
FRIDAY 11/12	PIZZA AND A MOVIE - 11:30 AM - JOIN US FOR PIZZA AND A MOVIE IN THE VETERANS RESOURCE CENTER. STAY FOR A MOVIE IF YOU HAVE TIME AS WE WATCH THE VETERAN-FRIENDLY CLASSIC "FURY."



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Student Life
Veterans Education and Transition Services

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT
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 UM.VETERANS@UMAINE.EDU
 WWW.UMAINE.EDU/VETERANS



Happy Veterans Week, Black Bears!

This week, our Veterans Education and Transition Services team and student veterans have organized a special slate of events to highlight and showcase the unique experiences and needs of our student veterans on campus. While we may have our different thoughts on the various conflicts we send our military into, it's important for all of us to understand the unique challenges faces by veterans as they return home and transition to civilian life. I encourage you to attend some or all of this week's events, and [request a Green Zone training](#) for you and your team or

department if you'd like to learn more about how you can support our students vets on campus.

I'd also like to give a quick shoutout to any and all intersex folks reading this on today, Intersex Day of Solidarity (sometimes called Intersex Day of Remembrance as well). Intersex folks are among the most misunderstood and invisible groups within the LGBTQ+ community, but they are also some of our most vulnerable. The general lack of information on the various ways in which intersex folks may present often leads to unnecessary medical procedures and unfathomable physical and emotional anguish. We encourage you to seek out more information on what it means to be intersex and how we as a community can do better in supporting our intersex friends and neighbors. A great place to start is [InterACT: Advocates for Intersex Youth](#).

We also continue to celebrate Native American Heritage Month here in Orono, and I ask that you continue your efforts to better understand what it means to decolonize ourselves and our communities. In the spirit of moving away from harmful expressions of colonization and genocide, I'm excited to share that we will hold our very first ODI Family Feast next week! A re-envisioned extension of our former Gay Thanksgiving and Multicultural Thanksgiving events, we see Family Feast as an opportunity to come together as a community, regardless of identity or background, and share some great food and celebrate diversity, community, and found or chosen family. I hope you can join us Thursday, November 18th from 5:00-7:00 in the North Pod, Memorial Union. It's sure to be a great time and I'd love to see you there.

In solidarity,
Rob Jackson (He/Him)
Staff Associate for Diversity and Inclusion



HEAL
Health Equity Alliance

WHAT DOES INTERSEX MEAN?

Intersex is a general term used for a variety of conditions in which a person is born with a reproductive anatomy that doesn't neatly fit the "typical" male and female categories.

For intersex people, their anatomy may not match up with chromosomes, external reproductive or sexual organs may not match up with internal ones, and more.

Intersex is a spectrum of conditions that have a variety of expressions ranging from unnoticeable to significantly affecting bodily functions.

A FEW FAST FACTS:

**A MAJORITY OF INTERSEX
CONDITIONS
DO NOT REQUIRE
IMMEDIATE ACTION**

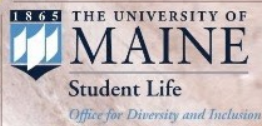
**MANY INTERSEX INDIVIDUALS (AND THEIR
PARENTS) DO NOT GET ACCURATE
INFORMATION FROM DOCTORS ABOUT HOW
IT MIGHT AFFECT THEM**

The Intersex Pride Flag



Some Intersex Activists

Pidgeon Pagonis
Toby Adams
Charlie Suzi Chapler
Bo Laurent
Hanne Gaby Odiele



Lunch and Learn

Diversifying Understandings of Religion

Featuring UMaine's Professor Derek Michaud as guest speaker
**Wednesday, December 1st from
12p.m. to 1p.m. in the
Multicultural Student Center, Room 314 in the Memorial Union**



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2021 International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day Programs

NOVEMBER 17TH-20TH, 2021

Show up for your fellow Black Bears at one of our community programs!

Remembrance Dinner + Dialogue -Wednesday, 11/17 @6pm at the Wilson Center

Join us for a filling vegetarian dinner followed up with a rich discussion about how we remember those we've lost facilitated by the Interfaith Group!

Community Dialogue- Friday, 11/19 @2pm in the Bangor Room, Memorial Union

This event focuses on the barriers and pathways to cultivating hope, healing, and resilience in the UMaine community through interactive activities and reflective discussion.

Solidarity Vigil- Friday, 11/19 @7pm in the Steam plant lot

We invite all Black Bears and members of the local community to join us for a socially distanced vigil to express our solidarity with those who have lost loved ones to suicide, and those who struggle with suicidal ideation.

Survivors of Suicide Loss Discussion- Saturday, 11/20 @10am at the Wilson Center

International Survivors of Suicide Loss Day is an event in which survivors of suicide loss come together to find connection, understanding, and hope through their shared experience. To register go to bit.ly/UMISOSL21 or scan the QR code below!

Email dominique.dispirito@maine.edu for more information!



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SCAN ME

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2021 INTERNATIONAL SURVIVORS
OF SUICIDE LOSS DAY

Survivors' Discussion

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH @10AM
WILSON CENTER, 67 COLLEGE
AVENUE IN ORONO

International Survivors of
Suicide Loss Day is an event
in which survivors of suicide
loss come together to find
connection, understanding,
and hope through their shared
experience. Masks will be
required.

REGISTER FOR THE EVENT AT [BIT.LY/UMISOSL21](https://bit.ly/UMISOSL21).
EMAIL DOMINIQUE.DISPIRITO@MAINE.EDU
WITH QUESTIONS!



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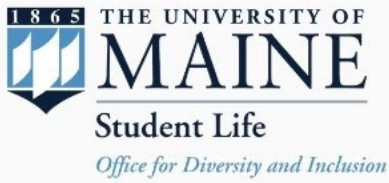


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Robina Asti, a 99-year-old transgender veteran, is fighting for LGBTQ rights. Robina passed away in March 2021, but her words remain powerful and compelling today.



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JOIN US WEEKLY ON WEDNESDAYS AT 3PM ON ZOOM FOR LGBTQIA+ SUPPORT GROUP

Starts on September 29th, 2021

**SIGN UP BY EMAILING
JULIA TANER AT
JULIA.TANER@MAINE.EDU**

THIS GROUP IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE
OFFICE FOR DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE COUNSELING
CENTER. THIS GROUP IS A PRIVATE, NON-
CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT GROUP.



Fidget Toy making program Wednesday, November 17th at noon! We will be providing beads and yarn to make a woven type of fidget toy, to relieve stress and anxiety during Fall Break and Finals Week!

Community Building with Students of Color

*Get to know other students of color and staff
in an informal community space.*

*Food provided with great conversation and
activities.*

DATE : 11/18 / MULTICULTURAL STUDENT CENTER / TIME: 12-1 PM

Contact sabrina.murray@maine.edu for more info!

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THE WILSON CENTER
INVITES YOU TO OUR WEEKLY



MEDITATION GROUP

Thursdays 6-7PM at The Wilson Center
67 College Ave. in Orono

please bring a mask
all are welcome, beginner and expert

RSVPS APPRECIATED - ZOOM OPTION AVAILABLE BY REQUEST
WILSONCENTERORONO@GMAIL.COM

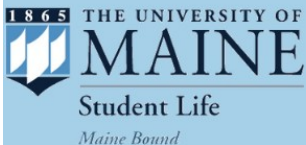
CALL FOR ARTISTS!

\$100 REWARD!

Your artwork could hang in the Rec Center and/or Maine Bound for years to come!

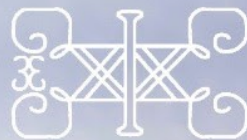

Design a banner to showcase the spirit of campus recreation and its diversity, equity, and inclusion values.

<https://umaine.edu/campusrecreation/diversity-inclusion/callforartists/>



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Questions?
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AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION

An opportunity to learn and teach about the
Indigenous Peoples of America

1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month
4:30 PM
Corbett 210

Contact Sage Neptune (sage.neptune1@maine.edu) for more information



SOLIDARITY MEETING

A SAFE PLACE TO FIND SOLIDARITY! A PLACE TO
SHARE AND SUPPORT EACH OTHER AS
STUDENTS OF COLOR AT UMAINE



MEETING WILL BE HELD BI-WEEKLY
STARTING 9/15/21 AT 2PM
SIGN UP VIA ATTACHED LINK

*This meeting is offered online for the time being. Students must be
physically in Maine to attend.*



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week in advance



AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLUB

MONDAYS 6PM-7PM

WHATS OUR PURPOSE?

The purpose of American Sign Language (ASL) Club is to get club members comfortable with signing an introduction of who they are/where they come from in order to feel prepared to engage in conversation with deaf or hard of hearing people. Students will be a part of bridging the gap between hearing and Deaf cultures; they will gain new perspective. This preparedness will also come through learning about Deaf culture and the proper use of ASL.

WHERE?

We are currently meeting in front of the bear statue (on the opposite end of the library). When it gets too cold, we will relocate inside!

CONTACT:

Please direct any questions to our President, Morgan Oehler, or Vice President, Shanna Scribner: Morgan.oehler@maine.edu, Shanna.scribner@maine.edu



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Seeking Survey Participants

Earn a \$20 Amazon gift card

Are you from Maine?
Are you LGBTQ+?
Did you leave your rural hometown to live elsewhere?

Zach Davis, Dr. Jessica Leahy and Dr. Kathleen Bell
are seeking study participants for one hour Zoom
interviews in the Fall of 2021.

Follow this link to an eligibility
survey, or scan the QR code:

<https://bit.ly/2X4h1ka>





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Hillel**Jewish Student Org.**Fall 2021Hebrew
Year 5782**Weekly Meetings**

Wednesday @ 5pm at the
Multicultural Student Center
3rd Floor, Memorial Union

- Holiday Events and Services
- Jewish Cooking
- Resources and Support
- Shabbat Dinners
- Fun and Games
- Volunteer Opportunities

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To learn more
contact our president at
sarah.meyerwaldo@maine.edu
or message us on facebook
or on instagram @umainehillel





Asian STUDENT ASSOCIATION

6 - 7 PM every other Friday at Room 312,
Memorial Union

WHO WE ARE

We are a student organization who welcomes **everyone** from different backgrounds to join us for our events.

WHAT WE DO

Join our general meetings for fun games, movie nights, cooking and study sessions. Have fun and make friends along the way!

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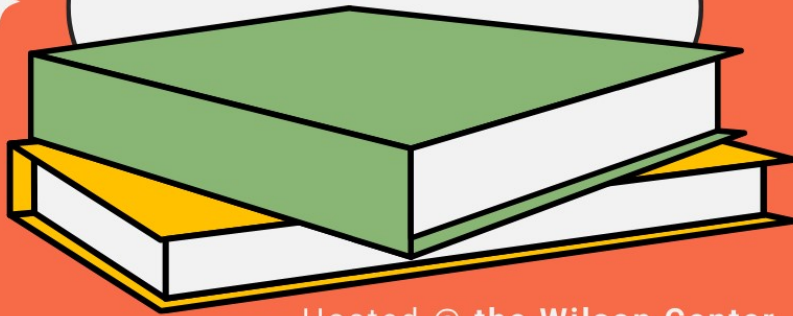


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Hosted @ **the Wilson Center**
67 College Ave. in Orono
Donation bin on the front porch

Are you passionate about spiritual
exploration and multifaith dialogue?

Join the UMaine Interfaith Group!

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MONDAYS @ 6PM
WILSON CENTER, ORONO

Email dominique.dispirito@maine.edu with
questions! We hope to see you there!

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